

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Patti Skates on her selection as the Exemplary Academy Educator of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patti Skates is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Skates was recently selected as the Exemplary Academy Educator of the Year by the National Career Academy Coalition at the organization's national convention; the honor is most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens, Dr. Skates has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity throughout her outstanding tenure as the lead teacher in the Legal Studies/Leadership Academy at Red Bank High School; and

WHEREAS, under her direction, Red Bank students focus on careers that include public service, law, and the administration of justice and seek out opportunities to participate in community service programs facilitated by Dr. Skates; to date, students participating in these programs have provided over 2,000 hours of work for the Chattanooga Food Bank, the Ronald McDonald House, and the City of Red Bank, among a number of other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Skates truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patti Skates epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Patti Skates on being chosen by the National Career Academy Coalition as the Exemplary Academy Educator of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.